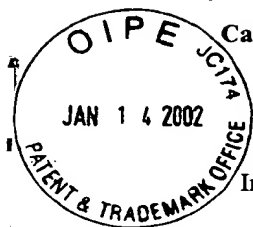


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None of these items discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 are met by the provision of the foregoing statement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit to Deposit Account No. 08-2789. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

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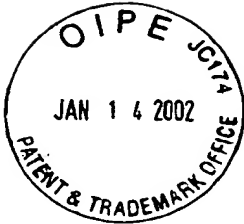
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